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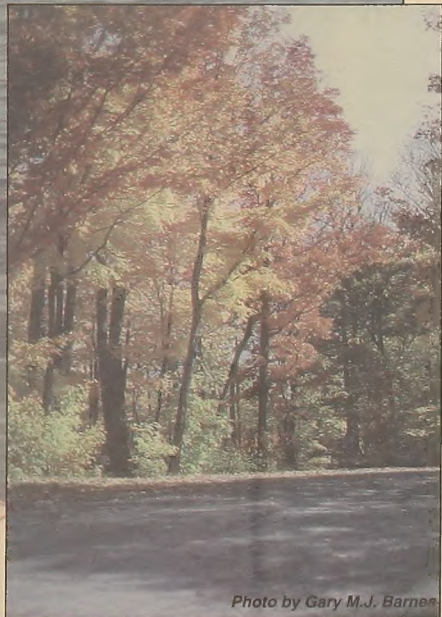


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WELCOME TO GRUNDY LAKE

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Park Staff would like to welcome all visitors to another season at Grundy Lake Provincial Park. We hope that 2001 will prove to be as enjoyable as last year.

Some of you may notice that the beach in Poplar campground has grown. Our maintenance staff is in the process of expanding and upgrading this stretch of waterfront in order to improve your recreational experiences at the beach.

We encourage you to take the time to read this year's tabloid, as it contains some important and interesting information that will be useful to you during your visit. In addition, be sure to check out the Interpretive Centre where you can meet our Natural Heritage Education staff. This staff is well informed on the natural and cultural heritage of Grundy Lake and have organized many activities to help visitors of all ages to learn more about this beautiful park and its natural inhabitants.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to speak to a member of our staff, or fill out the Customer Comments section on the back of your post permit (white copy) and deposit it in the expired permits box on the way out of the Park. We are always eager to hear what you have to say!

We hope you enjoy your visit to Grundy Lake this season and take advantage of all we have to offer: 3 hiking trails, 476 campsites, 10 backcountry sites, 3 group camping sites, 2 comfort stations, 6 beaches, 7 lakes and 1 great Natural Heritage Education program equals a wonderful vacation experience! Have a safe and enjoyable stay!

PARK STAFF



Student Bursary Program

Last year, Ontario Parks introduced a new program to recognize the excellent service of our hard-working student employees.

The **Ontario Parks Partners Bursary Program** rewards several \$500 cash bursaries to students to assist with post secondary educational studies.

If you know a student employee at Grundy Lake who demonstrates high levels of customer service and dedication to Ontario Parks, you can nominate them for a student bursary. For more detailed information, ask a member of our Park Staff or pick up a pamphlet and nomination form at the Park Office or Host and Hostess site.



Photo by Lorena & Paul Campbell

PET CONSIDERATIONS

A MESSAGE TO PET OWNERS

Every year Grundy Lake receives an increasing number of complaints concerning barking dogs, pets running loose on trails and through campsites, pets not being cleaned up after, and domestic animals in swimming areas.

It is important for pet owners to understand that they are responsible for ensuring that they adhere to Grundy's rules regarding pets in Ontario Parks:

- All pets must be under control and on a leash not exceeding 2 metres.
- Pets are not permitted on the any of the Park's beaches or areas adjacent to swimming areas.
- Please consult the Park map for the designated Pet Exercise Area on Grund Lake.
- Pets are not permitted to make excessive noise.
- A dog that barks continually can ruin other campers' vacations.

In the past, we have found that responsible pet owners abide by these rules because they have respect for their fellow campers, the park environment and the safety of their pet. This year the Park Wardens at Grundy will be taking increased measures to be sure these rules are strictly enforced.

The owners or handlers of any pet found off their leash or violating any of the pet rules in a park will be reprimanded, warned, fined and/or evicted from the park.



Dolores and Daniel Drake

Were camping at Grundy Lake.

They were very pleased with their site;

They had it set up just right.

Every morning they sat by their tent

And watched as chipmunks and squirrels came and went.

They marveled at how the Park was so tranquil;

Even the wind was very still.

As they sat one morning in this peace and quiet,

From the site next door there arose such a riot!

The neighbour's dog, Rover, had been left all alone

While its owner had gone to use the phone.

The dog was barking non-stop

So the Drake's furry visitors began to scurry and hop.

They scampered away over a tree and a log;

You see, they were frightened by the barking dog.

Well, the dog kept barking 'til its family came home.

They finally arrived and gave it a bone.

The Drakes were happy that the barking was done

And returned to their wildlife viewing-but it was all gone!

They waited patiently for the critters to return

Then finally there was movement in the ferns!

A grouse was within their sights-It was very tame.

When suddenly Rover was off his chain!

He chased the poor grouse away with all his might

Then he proceeded to poop on the Drake's site!

Rover's owners didn't bother to Stoop

Nor did they even bother to Scoop!

The Drakes were very upset that the dog was off his leash

So they decided to cool off with a swim at the beach.

They were enjoying their quiet time in the cool bay

When suddenly they saw Rover coming their way!

He ran past and kicked sand in their face

And urinated all over the place.

"Hey!" I called Daniel "For the love of Pete!

We walk on that sand in our bare feet!"

The Drakes returned back to their site in disgust

Deciding that their peaceful vacation had been a bust,

They packed up their gear and left in a terrible state

Exclaiming that dogs had ruined Grundy Lake.

PARK INFORMATION

2001 FEES AT A GLANCE

CAMPING FEES

	Regular	Senior	Disabled
Basic Site	19.75	15.75	9.75
With Hydro	23.75	19.00	11.75

Premium Site	22.25	17.75	11.00
With Hydro	26.25	21.00	13.00

Additional Vehicle	9.00	7.00	4.50
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DAY USE FEES

	Regular	Senior	Disabled
Daily Vehicle	8.50	6.75	4.25

SEASONAL PERMITS

Summer 2001	60.00
Annual Pass	90.00

For more detailed information, please consult your 2001 Ontario Parks Guide.



Photo by Brian MacTavish

RENEWING OR VACATING YOUR SITE

* You have until noon on your departure date to renew the site for a longer period, provided that site is a non-reservable site (first come first serve). On a reservation site it is unlikely that a renewal is possible. Please check with gatestaff upon your arrival if there is any possibility that you want to stay longer than you intended.

* At noon, all sites scheduled to leave that day and not renewed will be made available to new campers.

* Check out time is 2:00 pm.

* Campers vacating the park may visit any Ontario Park until 10:00pm that day - just display your pink permit on the vehicle dashboard.

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NOISE

Excessive noise is not permitted at any time in a Provincial Park. This can include loud voices, radios, generators, barking dogs or any other noise that can disturb other campers. Please be considerate of your neighbours and keep noise to a minimum to avoid warnings, fines or evictions.

MOTOR BOAT RESTRICTIONS

The use of gas or electric motors is prohibited within the boundaries of Grundy Lake Provincial Park. This rule was created to protect our beautiful lakes from pollution and to maintain the environmental integrity of this Natural Environment park.

COMPLAINTS

The Park Staff at Grundy Lake are committed to ensuring that you have a safe and enjoyable stay. So if you have a complaint, please let the Park Office know as soon as possible so that the problem can be dealt with immediately.

CANOE/KAYAK/PADDLE BOAT RENTALS

Did you know that Grundy has canoe, kayak and paddle boat rentals by the hour available at the Park Store? Come and see us for more details.

DISPOSING WASTE WATER

All waste water, BLACK and GREY is to be held and disposed of at the trailer dumping station. Even grey water (ie. dirty dish water, etc.) poses health, environmental and aesthetic problems.

SPRING/FALL CAMPING

Grundy Lake will be open for your enjoyment from May 11 until October 8, 2001.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Please deposit garbage at the Central Garbage Depot (located off the main Park road between the Park Office and Park Entrance) on a daily basis to avoid nightly campsite raids from the Park's wildlife. You can also recycle cans, bottles and many types of plastics at the Depot.

LAUNDRY MACHINES

For your convenience, coin-operated washers and dryers are located at both comfort stations. They use quarters and loonies depending on the location. Change is available at the Park Office.

SEASONAL/ANNUAL DAY PASSES

If you are a frequent user of Ontario Parks this might be the answer for you. You can purchase a Seasonal or Annual Day Use Pass at the Park Office and these passes will allow you unlimited daily vehicle entry to all Ontario Parks.

GROUP CAMPING

If you have a large group and you're looking for a single site, we can accommodate your needs. Reservations for group camping are conducted by the Park beginning in May.

TRAILER STORAGE

Grundy provides a convenient gated parking area to store your trailers between visits or over the winter months. Fees are \$1.00 per day or \$100.00 per year. Visit the Park Office for details.

REFUNDS

If for any reason you decide to end your camping trip early, a refund for the unused portion can be obtained by presenting both copies of your permit to the Park Office. Only the owner of the permit, or their spouse, may claim the refund. You must be at the office and off your site prior to 2:00 pm on the day of departure to get a full refund. No refunds will be issued for day passes.



PARK PATROL

INCREASED PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The enjoyment of camping in a private wooded campground is shared by all. However, through the years a growing number of Park visitors have decided that utilizing the brush for starting fires is permissible. On the contrary, there are several long lasting effects. With approximately 100,000 visitors each season there is already a strain on the sites. If each visitor collected a few branches to start their fire the forest floor would be picked clean.

Enforcement

In the past Park Staff have attempted to educate visitors on the reasons why it isn't appropriate to remove brush, either in the form of living twigs, or dead wood found. Park Staff have concluded that while educating park visitors is good, it is no longer good enough. Park visitors have left Park Management no choice but to take a hard stand on this issue. Fines for removing dead wood or damaging crown property are at a minimum \$80.00 and if Park staff feel that the offence warrants it, the group or individual committing the offence can be evicted from the park. Think of the embarrassment and humiliation if

your camping trip ended early as your party was asked to leave.

The explanation most commonly used for gathering brush and dead wood is "I help clean up the place". In actual fact, you are removing habitat for smaller creatures, eliminating buffer zones, and setting an example for the younger campers. Rotting logs or limbs are protected homes for park residents such as mice, rabbits, snakes and even insects.

Children are often helping their parents collect the brush. This experience will start another generation of damaging the park environment. They are not helping, but damaging the park ecology. Once children are taught something they continue to practice that forever. Setting an example for the children and explaining the reasons why we shouldn't is vital towards long term camping etiquette.

Together through our efforts we can ensure a sustainable forest, private sites, and animal habitat.

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Cycling Safety

Through the years, Grundy Lake has provided visitors with an enjoyable, safe camping experience. Many visitors enjoy their day by cycling through the campgrounds and main roads. However, to the amazement of many, the roads are as busy as those in the communities where most of our visitors are from.

Please keep the following in mind:

- * Wear a CSA approved helmet that fits properly.
- * Ride on the far right side of the road, in single file.
- * Always be in control of your bicycle.
- * Bicycles are not permitted on the hiking trails.
- * Take a park map with you, anyone can become lost.
- * Do not ride after dusk, unless you have a light on your bike.
- * Parents must use caution before sending young children out alone to explore the busy park roads.



ParkSmart PFD Loan Service

Visitors to Grundy Lake Provincial Park can take part in a program that enables them to borrow a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) during their stay.

The ParkSmart PFD Loan Service is offered through a partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Mustang Survival Corporation and Ontario Parks. For a \$25 refundable deposit, visitors can borrow a properly fitted PFD for themselves and their children. Staff can provide additional information and can outfit visitors with a PFD at the Park Store.

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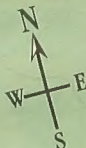
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THE WILD SIDE OF GRUNDY



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Off the Beaten Path

It is not widely known that Grundy Lake offers Backcountry Camping. Available at ten locations within the park, backcountry camping continues to be a natural excursion.

Just what is "backcountry" camping? To offer a comparison, Killarney and Algonquin Provincial Parks offer "interior" camping. There, a visitor will travel (usually by water) to a primitive campsite (or series of sites on a long canoe route), where they can enjoy the solitude of nature. "Backcountry" camping at Grundy Lake only differs in that the sites are not so far away!!

Backcountry campsites are located on Grundy Lake, Gurd Lake, Beaver Lake, and Pakeshag Lake. They are identified by bright orange marker signs, and each has a tent pad, a fireplace, and a secluded box toilet.

The nightly cost of a backcountry site is \$6.50/night for persons 18 years and older; \$3.00/night for persons aged 6 to 17; plus discounts for Ontario senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The fees include overnight parking for your vehicle.

Grundy Lake is pleased to provide a diverse range of opportunities to the visitors. The accessibility of the tranquil wilderness enables a unique camping opportunity. We hope that more visitors will consider venturing "off the beaten path" to experience the natural beauty of Grundy Lake.

Give it a try! Further information is available by contacting the Park Office.

TAKE A HIKE!

Grundy Lake has over 8 kilometres of marked interpretive trails for you to explore. Remember to take a camera, binoculars, and bug repellent. Wear sensible footwear and clothing. Trail guides for the Swan Lake and Beaver Dams trails are available at the Interpretive Centre and Park Office.

SWAN LAKE TRAIL

The Swan Lake trail is 1.5 kilometres in length. It circles and crosses the Swan Lake Nature Reserve. The centrepiece of the trail includes a boardwalk, an observation platform and the bald, glacier-scoured granite rock overlooking the lake. From the boardwalk, wetland plants and animals can be studied. While there, be sure to watch for Great Blue Heron, beaver, waterfowl, bitterns and other varieties of birds, reptiles, amphibian, fish, deer, bear, carnivorous plants and moose.

GUT LAKE TRAIL

For some, the Gut Lake trail is the most popular in the Park. Not too long, this self-guided 2.5 kilometre trail travels by two very different areas: the rugged and seemingly lifeless "bare" rock of the Precambrian Shield, and the lakes, streams and wetlands which drain excess water into Georgian Bay. There are many scenic points on the trail which are ideal for photos, rest stops, or a picnic. If you walk quietly, you may see heron, birds, amphibians, fox, deer and moose.

BEAVER DAMS TRAIL

Beaver Dam trail will take you through 4 kilometres of dense forest and wetlands. Moose, bear, deer, fisher, ruffed grouse and many other species of birds and mammals may be seen. Of special interest are heron and osprey stick nests located in the tops of swamp-killed trees. Stop by the Interpretive Centre or Park Office to pick up a brand new trail guide before heading out.

HIKING ALONE?

We recommend that you always hike with a buddy, but if that is not possible, it is advisable to let someone know that you're headed out; and don't forget to sign the trail head registry.

For a more unique look at Grundy Lake's "wild side", be sure to watch for interpretive hikes and programs which are offered throughout the summer. The popular hikes are guided by our Natural Heritage Education staff and special guests. They are certain to show you a new way of looking at things.



Photo by Janet Tonello



The Colours of Grundy

If you love to camp, but dislike the bugs, crowds and sweltering heat of summer, why not visit Grundy Lake during its most glorious time of year—Autumn.

In September and October, Grundy's trees display brilliant colours of yellow, orange and red. The warm sunny days give way to crisp cool nights when you can enjoy a cozy, bug-free campfire before retiring to a peaceful sleep, devoid of noisy crickets. Also, a strange thing happens to the park in the Fall. It seems that when the crowds move out, the wildlife moves in. You could see an abundance of wildlife including fox, rabbits, beavers, a variety of migrating birds and waterfowl, and maybe even a moose!

So this Fall, leave the bug repellent at home and come camping at a colourful Grundy. (Did we mention no bugs??)



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FUN AT GRUNDY

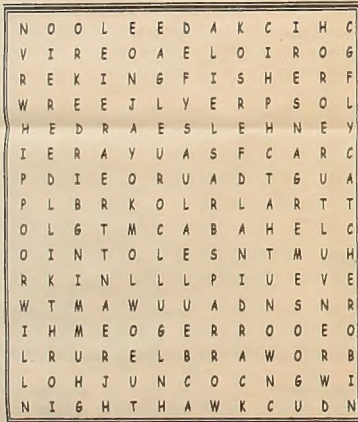
CAMPGROUND WORD SCRAMBLE

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Which campground name is missing?

SEARCH FOR THE BIRDS OF GRUNDY

Use the remaining letters to spell the name of one more bird: _____



Cardinal Gull
 Loon Owl
 Warbler Chickadee
 Lark Mallard
 Robin Whippoorwill
 Duck Jay
 Merganser Sparrow
 Woodpecker Eagle
 Junco Nighthawk
 Titmouse Wren
 Falcon Killdeer
 Nuthatch Veery
 Flycatcher Kingfisher
 Oriole Grouse
 Goose Osprey
 Vulture Vireo
 Hummingbird

Natural Heritage Education Events 2001

The NHE Staff conduct enjoyable educational programs on a regular basis. These programs are developed to educate and promote the values of the Park. Be sure to check the weekly calendar of events for further details, times and locations. Better yet, visit the Interpretive Centre, which is open daily from June 27 to September 2, 10am to 2pm.

July 7 - Murder Mystery Evening

July 14 - The Beaver: On Trial

July 21 - Parks Day Challenge

August 4 & 5 - Logging Days Celebration Weekend

August 18 - The Beaver: On Trial

Other Events to Watch For:

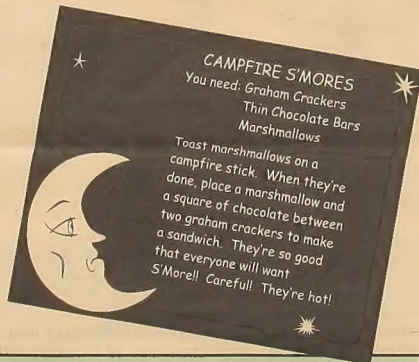
Evening Programs: Wednesdays and Saturdays - skits, shows, films, special guest.

Guided Hikes: Weekly - Trail hikes, canoe hikes, sunset hikes, night hikes.

Children's Programs: Various programs twice a week

Recreational Programs: Weekly - includes canoe/kayaking instruction and demos, water safety.

Film Nights: Weekly



Hey Kids! If you enjoyed these activities, why not come out to the Interpretive Centre and take part in more fun and games. The Junior Naturalist and Young Naturalist programs offer a variety of fun and educational activities on topics such as birds, wildlife, plants, herpetiles (herp-a-what??) and insects, so you can learn more about our Park and nature.



The Interpretive Centre

GAMES AT GRUNDY

Horseshoe Pits

Grundy Lake has horseshoe pits for your use. If you wish to toss a game, pits are located in the Day Use Area near the change house, and on the shore of Gurd Lake between Trailer and Poplar Campgrounds (the closest sites are 305 and 230). Horseshoes can be borrowed from the Host in White Pine or the Park Office.

Multi-use Sports Field

Smokey Point is available for you or your group to play a game of softball, soccer, football, whatever! Organized Park programs will, however, take precedence in use of the Point. Check the weekly calendar to be sure, then have a blast!

Pick-up Softball

Be sure to watch for semi-organized games of softball to be held at Smokey Point. Times will be posted at each comfort station. One basic rule--you hit the ball into Gut Lake, you go get it!!

Beach Volleyball

Grundy Lake has a beach volleyball area in the Day Use Area. The nice sand surface is located beside Nisbet Creek at the wooden bridge. One suggested rule: those who spike the ball into the creek get to retrieve it!! (It's not as bad as softball-volleyballs float!)

F.Y.I.

Visit The Park Store

Open daily during July and August, you will find plenty of fun and exciting items and services at Grundy's Park Store this year:

- * Firewood
- * Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboat Rentals
- * PFD Loan Service
- * Tackle Share Program
- * Information
- * Brand new Ontario Parks merchandise including: beach towels, insulated travel mugs, kids' t-shirts and new stuffed animals.

Visit us on Clear Lake Road near the White Birch Campground entrance and see what we have in store.



Photo by the Kuckyt Family

The Host and Hostess Program

While Park Staff take great pride in performing their duties, we do occasionally require assistance. Grundy Lake is fortunate to have several experienced campers to help others. The host/hostess program is a popular initiative which utilizes the skills and knowledge of volunteers to help Park Staff better assist the visitors.

The hosts/hostesses are designated by special signage, and wear a vest while carrying out their duties. The location of the site can be best described as being at a prominent location near the entrance to a campground. For specific information you can check the Natural Heritage Education weekly information calendar. Visit the sites for local knowledge, brochures, rakes, and camping tips.

Prevention is the Key to Bear Problems

Although your chances of meeting a bear in the wild during your visit to Grundy Lake are very rare, there may be occasions when a bear visits your campground. These are bears that have lost their normal fear of humans through deliberate or unintentional feeding by people. Bears that may visit campgrounds rarely, if ever, pose a danger to people. However, they can become persistent and destructive nuisances in campgrounds when searching for easy meals of human food or garbage. Here are three simple suggestions to help reduce the chances of a visit to your site by a campground bear.

1. NEVER FEED BEARS. The black bear is an intelligent animal. It has the ability to remember food locations and can become accustomed to artificial sources of food. People who feed bears are creating problems for themselves, and others. Bears that have learned to associate people with food will most likely lose their fear of people, become a nuisance, and park managers frequently have little choice but to destroy them.

2. STORE FOOD OUT OF THE REACH OF BEARS. In campground and picnic areas, store all food (including pet food) inside the closed trunk of your vehicle, if possible. Do not store food, cooking utensils or fragrant items, such as soap, toothpaste and shaving cream, in your tent. In the backcountry, suspend your food pack from a rope strung between two trees at least four metres (13 feet) off the ground and about one metre (four feet) away from the nearest tree trunk, out of the reach of bears. Follow the

same precautions when camping on islands; bears are good swimmers.

3. KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE CLEAN AND ODOUR FREE. Reduce the availability of garbage, and consequently garbage odours, by disposing of your sealed bags of garbage daily in the bear-proof waste containers provided in organized campgrounds. In the backcountry, keep your campsite clean and wash your dishes after every meal. Burn what refuse you can (where fires are allowed), then pack out the rest in tightly sealed containers. Barbecues can also serve as attractants to bears.

Clean your barbecue and picnic table after every use, and be sure any spilled grease is cleaned up.

IF A BEAR DOES wander onto your campsite in search of food, don't panic. Face the bear, and shout loudly to discourage it from approaching. To encourage it to leave early in its visit, you can bang pots and pans together or throw something to scare it (without endangering yourself by getting too close). Be sure to report any encounters with problem bears to the Park Office so that park staff can advise the Park Superintendent and take any steps necessary to prevent a recurrence.

For more information about black bears, how to prevent bear problems, and what to do if a bear visits your campsite, please speak to any member of our staff or pick up information about bears and bear behaviour at the Park Office.



ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

We encourage you to send us your photos for the 2002 park tabloid. During your visit this year, be sure to snap a few pictures to send in to us. We know there are special moments that we must miss out on. The winning photograph will be used on the cover of the 2002 park tabloid! Of course, the grand prize - FREE CAMPING (six nights) - will remain in effect! Contest rules are as follows:

1. Photos must depict some aspect of your camping experience at Grundy Lake Provincial Park. (ie. Park scenery, visitor activities, wildlife, etc.)
2. Photo submissions become the property of Grundy Lake Provincial Park unless otherwise arranged.
3. Photographer permits entries to be used by Grundy Lake Provincial Park unless otherwise arranged.
4. Entries must consist of colour prints with negatives or colour slides.
5. Judging will be done by the staff production team for the 2002 Park Tabloid.
6. Prize is non-transferable and must be claimed within the 2002 camping season.
7. Entries must be received by March 1, 2002.
8. Contest is open to everyone except Ontario Park's staff.
9. Entries may be sent to: Grundy Lake Provincial Park, R.R.#1 Britt, ON, P0G 1A0

So keep those pictures coming!!

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Dawn Livingstone
H. Jacobs
Joseph and Judy Bull

Summary of Offences

There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks: Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment. The following table lists some of the more common laws enforced in the park as well as the minimum fines that apply. The Provincial Parks Act and other legislation governing behaviour in provincial parks are available in the Park office. These laws are enforced by Park Wardens who are Peace Officers defined under the Criminal Code of Canada and have the authority of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force in a Provincial Park.

Offence	Fines	Explanation
Alcoholic Beverages	Range from \$40 to \$250	You are permitted to consume or possess an open alcoholic beverage on a registered campsite only. Alcohol is prohibited in Balsam Lake Provincial Park from May 12 to May 23, 2000.
-Have Liquor in open container other than residence -Consume liquor in other than residence (campsite)		
-Have open container of liquor in vehicle		
Campfires		Fires are permitted in fireplaces only for safety reasons. These areas have been designated by Park staff. By restricting fires to the fire rings provided, the risk of forest fires is reduced.
-Start fire other than in fireplace		Without a limit on the amount of camping gear allowed, campsites would quickly deteriorate, becoming larger and larger, eventually destroying the surrounding vegetation.
Camping Equipment		
-Place more than 3 pieces of shelter equipment		
Camping Permits		You are required to vacate and remove all property from your campsite by 2:00 p.m. on the date your permit expires to that others will have access to it. The maximum length of stay in a provincial park is 23 days to allow for greater turnover of campsites and to provide access to a greater number of visitors.
-Fail to vacate and remove property from campsite on permit expiry -Unlawfully occupy campsite -Camp over time limits		
Fireworks		Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited at all times in provincial parks. They constitute a fire hazard and disturb other visitors who want to enjoy the park in a peaceful manner.
-Possess fireworks -Ignite fireworks		
Vehicles		Licensed motor vehicles may be operated on roads only. All provisions of the Highway Traffic Act apply on all park roads. You must come to a complete stop at all stop signs.
-Unlawfully take motor vehicle into park or possess or operate it -Disobey Stop Signs -Speeding		You must obey all posted speed limits in a provincial park.
-Operate bicycle without head protection		Persons under the age of 16 must wear a helmet while cycling.
Parking		All vehicles must be parked in designated areas and display a valid camping or daily vehicle permit. An Additional Vehicle Permit only provides for a second vehicle to be parked in a specific Additional Parking area or an assigned additional parking space. Please display the park copy of your permit on the dash of your parked vehicle and have the white copy of your permit with you on the campsite. You must always display the pink copy of your permit prominently on your dashboard.
-Fail to park in designated area -Park vehicle in area not designated by additional vehicle permit		
-Fail to display permit on parked vehicle		
Pets		For health and safety purposes, all domestic animals must be kept under control, and on a leash not exceeding 2 metres, at all times. You must ensure that your pet does not disturb or interfere with campsite vegetation or wildlife. You must clean up after your pet before you vacate your campsite.
-Unlawfully permit domestic animal to be at large -Permit domestic animal to make excessive noise		
Hours of Closing		Only registered campers are allowed in a provincial park during the posted hours of closing 10 pm to 8 am.
-Unlawfully enter park after closing hours -Unlawfully remain in park after closing hours		
Refuse		Deposit all garbage and litter in the containers provided to discourage raccoons and other wildlife from becoming pests.
-Litter		
Recreation/Noise		Campsites must be clean at all times to eliminate potential hazards to park visitors and wildlife.
-Use abusive or insulting language -Make excessive noise in park -Disturb other persons in park		Provincial Parks are established to provide a setting for peaceful, natural experiences. Rowdy behaviour, including excessive noise and obscene language, is not permitted. You are not allowed to disturb any other person or interfere with anyone else's enjoyment of the park at any time of the day or night.
Environmental Protection		To maintain the park as a natural setting the removal of natural objects is prohibited. This includes the cutting of any live growth and the damage of any natural or other object. You may not take any fallen or dead wood from a provincial park for the purpose of a campfire.
-Damage Crown Property -Unlawfully remove natural or other object		

Fines are subject to change and do not include the victim surcharge. This is not a complete listing of offences, please refer to the specific legislation.